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Mr. Tom Wheeler

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications of Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable, Inc., and
Advance/Newhouse Partnership for Consent to the Transfer of Control for Licenses and
Authorizations (DN 15-149)

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am writing on behalf of Access Monterey Peninsula, Inc (AMP). AMP is a non-profit community organization providing cable TV programming services, managing PEG TV channels for cities in Monterey County (California). AMP also provides media training for the community and operates public access TV channels, with a focus on serving other non-profit groups.

We are concerned about the impact the proposed transactions will have on the public interest, our organization and the community we serve.

Charter currently operates cable TV systems in Monterey County, primarily reaching rural areas and small cities north and south of Salinas. We have had the opportunity to work with the city of Gonzales providing assistance in setting up their government access TV production system. During that process, we observed that the technical systems provided by Charter represented extremely out of date technology, resulting in very poor transmission of government meeting coverage. Through conversation with officials, we understand that the cable plant there has not been improved in many years and that Charter is not forthcoming with support to assist the cities regarding this situation.

This experience conforms with information we receive from other PEG TV organizations in our region. For example, in adjacent Santa Cruz county (per a report by one of the organization's Board members), Charter has refused to pay state mandated PEG fees to the City of Capitola.

Charter for many years has had an obligation to interconnect their cable system with the Comcast system in such a way that the PEG content we send to Comcast is also sent to Charter subscribers in the region. To date, this obligation has not been fulfilled and we see no indication that it will be - a hindrance to our mission to help build healthy communities throughout the region.

Assuming such corporate actions are continued in a post-merger New Charter, we are extremely concerned about a company which will command a much larger position in the market.

It is important that the Commission (should it approve the Transfer) require strict adherence to applicable state and Federal laws regarding PEG. We are also concerned that other cable companies will follow what could be a very destructive example. California's statewide franchising law gives almost no ability for cities and counties to enforce PEG provisions.

With Charter's record to date, we strongly urge the Commission to take a careful look at their planned acquisition of Time-Warner and Advance/Newhouse and consider whether it serves the interest of local communities in regard to community programming

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nancy A. Amadeo".

Nancy Amadeo

Chair, Access Monterey Peninsula, Inc.

Cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

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